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SUBJECT: UNDP-- DUTCH INITIATIVE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

REFS: A. GENEVA 2906

B. GENEVA 2821

C. GENEVA 2893

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY DOUBTS APPROACH SUGGESTED PARA 2

REF (A) WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE; RECOMMENDS AGAINST ANY HIGH- LEVEL
APPROACH IN THE HAGUE; AND SUGGESTS OPPOSITION TO DUTCH UNDP
PROPOSAL

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IN GENEVA FORUM. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY DEFERS TO EXPERTS' JUDGEMENT ON WHETHER

DUTCH PROPOSAL IS DISTORTION OF UNDP AND WILL IMPERIL FUTURE
CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE PROBLEM WITH VAN
GORKUM' S SUGGESTION THAT EMBASSY THE HAGUE MAKE APPROACH
ON UNDP ISSUE. WE UNDERSTAND INSPIRATION FOR DUTCH PROPOSAL
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COMES FROM NEW MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PRONK WHO, WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE, FEELS RATHER STRONGLY ABOUT IT. FURTHERMORE NEW LEFT WING GOVT CONSIDERS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA POLITICALLY ATTRACTIVE AND RELATIVELY CHEAP METHOD OF PROVING ITS PROGRESSIVE CHARACTER. SINCE NEW GOVT NOW BEING CRITICIZED BY ITS OWN LEFT WING FOR FONMIN'S FAILURE TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY GREECE AND PORTUGAL IN HIS STATEMENT AT COPENHAGEN MINISTERIAL, (ABOUT WHICH AMBASSADOR MIDDENDORF ON DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS MADE SUCCESSFUL DEMARCHE) WE DOUBT GON WILL WANT TO ACCOMMODATE US BY REVERSING ANNOUNCED GOVT POLICY REGARDING SUPPORT OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. WE ARE NOW FEELING OUR WAY WITH NEW LEFT WING GOVT AND CAN FORESEE MAJOR ISSUES ARISING WHICH WILL REQUIRE HIGH- LEVEL APPROACHES. IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE OUTLOOK, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO MAKE APPROACH ON THIS " PRESTIGE ISSUE" TO NEW DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE MINISTER WITH WHOM WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL ON DIFFICULT QUESTIONS SUCH AS VN CONSORTIUM, IGGI, ETC. THUS, EMBASSY FAVORS CONCENTRATION OPPOSITION TO DUTCH PROPOSAL IN GENEVA. HOWEVER, IF IN WASHINGTON'S JUDGEMENT A DEMARCHE IN THE HAGUE IS REQUIRED, WE WOULD FAVOR COMING IN AT THE WORKING LEVEL.
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